

Docket -02-33 Broadband over the traditional telephone network

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I feel that Broadband over power lines is a serious mistake. I was able to see how Amateur Radio communications helped in the needed supplies and food for the citizens and the fire department at Port Charlotte after hurricane Charlie. Broadband over power lines disrupts Amateur Radio communications and renders it inoperable. Cellular communications were not possible due to power outages. Agencies like ARES, RACES and Sky Warn have been set up to help after a tragedy and to help in identifying tornadoes to the news media. These agencies along with Amateur Radio operators also help with communications to the local EOC's. Broadband over power lines is a violation to the protection of the citizens of the U.S.